



Howdy Colleagues and fellow lovers of electromagnetic phenomena -

The big news this month is that it's time for the annual ARRL Field Day. Held on the last full weekend of June, this event is for many hams and clubs the highlight of their years activities.

Our Club will be fielding 6 stations simultaneously in the field, qualifying us as a 6A participant. We'll also have a GOTA station set up, alternate power demos, and possibly satellite and Amateur Television transmissions. We'll again be sited on the grounds of the Washington State Hospital in Steilacoom.

There are jobs for everyone, so we'll be circulating signup sheets until the last possible moment. See the timeline on page 6, and mark your calendars to spend some quality time with other Club members from Friday, June 26 until Sunday, June 28.

Need to hone your radio and logging skills before Field Day? The opportunity to do so will be at this month's 4th Wednesday Workshop at the Clubhouse on Wednesday, June 24 starting at 7 pm.

The Club has been the recipient of several very generous donations over the past few months. We'll be seeing some additional radios and other ancillary equipment installed in the clubhouse soon.

Some surplus club items will most likely be made available for Club members to purchase in July. Plans presently are for a 'tailgate/garage sale' to be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, July 18th. A list of items for disposal will be emailed out in the weeks prior to the sale, so watch your mailbox and keep an eye on the website w7dk.org for announcements.

Items not sold at the Club sale will be taken on Saturday, July 25 by members of the Property Management Team and offered for sale at the Chehalis Valley ARS Swap meet held from 9 until noon that day at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis.

OK that is all for now. Time to get busy testing my generator and inflating my air mattress to check for leaks.

73 and CU at Field Day 2015

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6 May 2015

The Radio Club of Tacoma Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary	Larry Watson KD4VOM
Treasurer	David Andresen W7HTJ
Board Member	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board Member	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board Member	Al Ferguson N7OMS
Board Member	Nick Winter K7MO

There were 11 names on the attendance roster a copy of which is attached to the original minutes

Quorum: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Vice President Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ.

Minutes:

The minutes of the April 2015 Board Meeting as distributed and coordinated, were approved without objection or correction.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: It was noted that our Membership manager has been ill recently – a speedy recovery to George

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bank Statements
Utility and Phone Bills
Newsletters
Memberships
Contest Journal
Experimenters Journal
Electric Radio
QSL Cards

TREASURER'S REPORT: David W7HTJ

- David presented and reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly Summary for March
- Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ will be temporarily handling RCT Treasurer's duties

- There was a round of thanks to David for his work as Treasurer

A copy of the financial report is attached to the original copy of these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: No report.

Training: The next Technician's Class May 30/31
Pierce County DEM

Information Technology: – Randy Myers WB4SBP

Randy reported:

- Clubhouse IT system is nominal with no issues.
- There was a question on a recently authorized member's formal request to permit the connection of the club's 147.28 repeater IRLP to Node 9198. There have been no abuses, the authorization remains active.
- Nick K7MO offered a rack mounted UBS system for the IRLP computer. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined to be not necessary

A motion was made, seconded and failed to acquire Nick K7MO's donation and purchase the necessary battery for it.

- The board turned the old IRLP computer over to Property Management for disposition as no longer required.

HF Operations: Operational

The ad hoc W7DK participation in the 7QP contest went very well and likely logged over a thousand contacts with three relatively new hams, Valarie K7VAP, Katheryn KG7RTR, and Phil K7PIA

Nick K7MO reports installation of 220 volt power outlet on the South wall, changed the 220v connector on the North wall

Repeaters: Tim White K7TMW

Tim inquired into the project to locate a qualified tower climber to inspect the Club's tower, cabling and support system. Work continues to locate a qualified tower climber/inspector.

Repeater Status:

W7DK 145.21 Repeater, Bates Channel 28: -- Operational

W7DK 147.28 Repeater Clubhouse: Status -- Operational

W7DK 147.38 Repeater Crawford Mountain: Status -- Operational, awaiting installation of the 440 MHz control unit

Tim has the new antenna for the Crawford Mountain repeater

W7DK 440.625 Repeater Clubhouse Status -- Operational

IRLP 147.28 Repeater) Operational

Facilities Management:

HF Station facility work: Al Ferguson N7OMS

Garage lighting: Mike W7MWF addressed the proposal to update/upgrade the garage lighting based on an inspection and proposal by Rich KR7W

A motion was made, seconded and passed to raise the approved budget of \$ 300.00 to up to \$ 500.00

A copy of the revised Garage wiring and lighting project detail is attached to the original copy of these minutes

Riding lawnmower to replace the one sold last year has been acquired by Bob K7MXE. Mike W7MWF has inspected and used the mower and recommends the Club reimburse the mower purchase price together with the cost of a new battery and drive belt.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the payment of up to \$ 250.00 for the mower, battery and belt.

Garage: Greta KF7KSW pointed out that the Garage is in poor condition, rotting around the base, and

chipped paint among other issues. There was a brief discussion of getting a spring Saturday work day...

Property Management:

Mike W7MWF Noted the receipt a sizeable donation of amateur radio items from Karen Franklin KI6OS which was shipped from California. It contains many items of value to the Club and potential sales revenue

General Membership Meeting Program for 13 May; Dave W7UUU

Dave will be hosting a Show and Tell session at the May General Membership Meeting. Bring your favorite gear/homebrew, etc.

Workshop Project:

27 May: Randy WB4SPB announced that the May workshop will be devoted to Field Day Planning.

Museum: Rich KR7W No Report

Field Day: Randy WB4SBP

Randy asked if the Board would approve up to \$ 100.00 for a **mesh network** to be used for Field Day.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize up to \$ 100.00 to purchase Information Technology equipment to construct the mesh network

There was a discussion of funding the **Field Day Food**, which has run between \$ 200 and \$ 300 in previous years'. This is routinely a "recurring expense" and we will ask Paul if that's what he thinks he needs.

Porta Potties, reservations and budget need also to be addressed...

Q: Are we concerned about *liability insurance*? Unclear, Treasurer said he could check.

Field Day Gear: Mike W7MWF, Rich KR7W, Bruce WB7EC, Randy WB4SPB and others have inspected Field Day gear and it seems to be ok.

Stations: Randy WB4SPB believes we have 4 or 5 stations signed up for stations

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**RCT Centennial Planning**

Dave K7HTJ: Announced that most of the Club history photos have been posted, and although more work needs to be done, the missing piece is getting folks to identify the date/place/participants in many of the photos.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Change in Library Administration Building. Must pick up key before 5 pm on General Meeting nights... Can be picked up to 24 hours earlier

The meeting was adjourned at 19:50

W7DK
**Proudly celebrating 99 years
 of Amateur Radio Service to
 Pierce County and the Pacific Northwest**

General Membership Meeting 13 May 2015 Meeting Notes

The General Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building at Waller Road and 112th Street. .

Vice President Mike W7XTZ called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present:

Vice President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Board	Mike Finnie W7MWF
Board	Nick Winter K7MO

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached to the original copy of these minutes. There were 28 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Was led by Nick Winter K7MO

INTRODUCTIONS: Welcoming of guests and self-introductions were completed. Orin, (no call) Eli (no call) and Mari KS7PAW were warmly welcomed

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY: None reported..

Correspondence:

Newsletters
 Utility Bills
 Bank Statements
 Membership Renewals
 Newsletters and Journals
 QEX, NCJ, Electric Radio

The Field Day Pig and Question box were circulated to collect donations for Field Day operations and member requests and ideas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: No report.

Training: Next Technicians Class none in May, next class in June

HF Station: Operational K7MO reports installation of a 220 volt receptacles in the HF Room and on his training session covering field day operations for newer hams. Three hams attained a high score for W7DK during the region 7 QSO party

Repeaters: Operational

Facilities: A garage lighting project has been approved. Mike W7MWF reported acquisition of a riding lawnmower by K7MXE. The also tossed out the idea of a clean-up and repair day at the clubhouse before the end of summer

Property Management: Mike Finnie W7MWF Mike reported on the recent donation from KI6OS.

Workshops:

Randy WB4SPB reported that the next two workshops (May27th and June 24th will focus on field day preparation, training and techniques..

PROGRAM: Show and Tell – Hosted by Dave W7UUU

Interesting and instructive presentations were made by Dave W7UUU, Nick K7MO, Mike K7STO, Phillip K7PIA, Bob AD7WU, and Ray KE7BZD

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RCT Centennial Celebration: Planning is getting underway, all are invited to participate in the planning for our 100 year anniversary, See any Board member.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: The Club's white vinyl banner remains missing

TUNING AND TRAFFIC: Nick K7MO reported on the 7QP contest (see report above) and his recent DX contacts with PQ0T Trindade & Martin Vaz Is. . Nick also reported on the upcoming Pacific Northwest DX Convention to be held August 7-9 in Everett, WA. The Western Washington DX Club is hosting the event.

Randy Wb4SBP reported he got a new crystal and made his first contact on 17 meters CW

DOOR PRIZES: Leonard KA7NWF was the lucky winner of the \$ 25 HRO Gift certificate, graciously donated by Mike W7XTZ

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm.

W7DK Fourth Wednesday Workshop

On Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 PM a training/practice session will be held at the clubhouse in preparation for field day. Come hone your skills or learn new ones by participating in over-the-air mock QSOs. Familiarize yourself with Field Day radio protocols and polish your logging techniques.



John KF7MYI and Pat WT7N - Field Day 2012



ATTENTION ALL HANDS

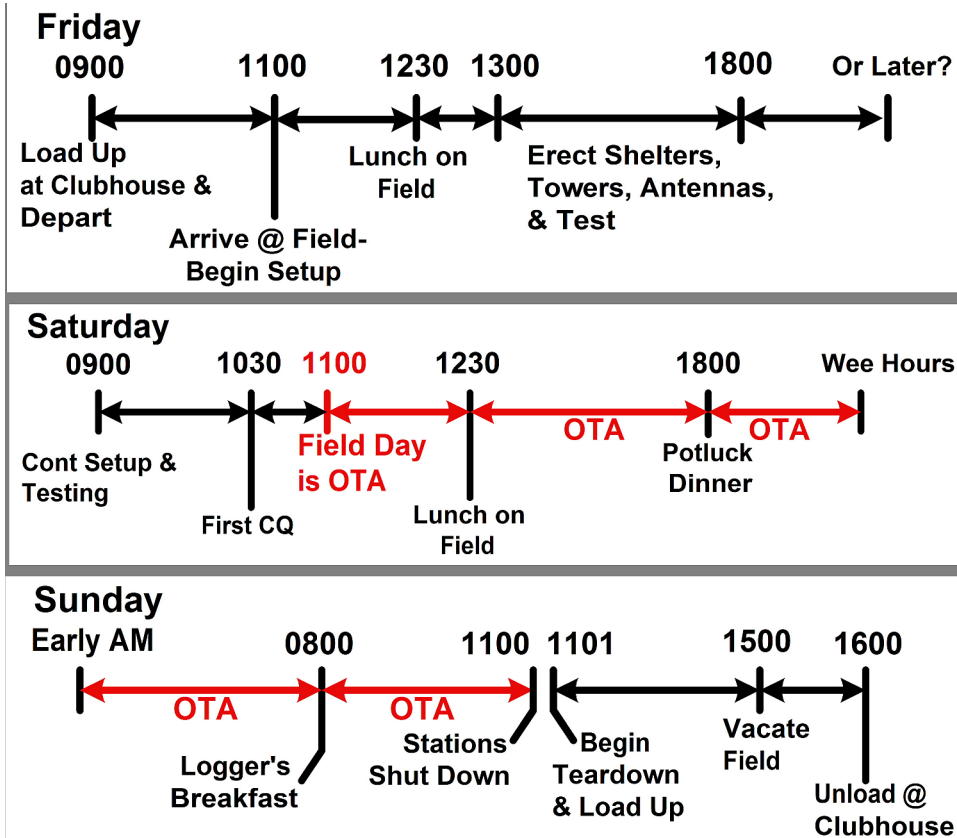
The annual ARRL Field Day is on June 27th and June 28th. The Radio Club will be participating this year with W7DK as a 6A station. The festivities will be held on the grounds of the Western State Hospital on Steilacoom Boulevard in Lakewood.

Setup will begin on Friday, June 26 at 9 am at the Clubhouse. Gear will be loaded and transported to the Steilacoom site, followed by setup of antennas, towers, shelters, kitchen and other miscellany. On Saturday morning, any remaining setup tasks will be completed and W7DK will be calling CQ Field Day at 11 am.

It will be non-stop fun for the next 24 hours, and hopefully many contacts will be made on all 6 stations.

At 11 am Sunday, radios will be powered off and we'll start tearing down, loading up, transporting, unloading, and performing site clean-up.

All hands are invited, whether to help with various tasks, get on the air, or just hang out.



REEFS

A **reef** is a rock, sandbar, or other feature lying beneath the surface of the water (80 meters or less beneath low water). Source: Wikipedia

Long time club member Nick K7MO has collected a few qsl cards over the years from DXpeditions to reefs. Thanks Nick for sharing.

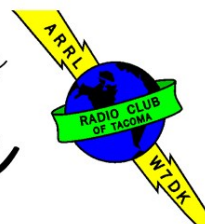
Operator's Wallpaper

If you have any special, or cool, or unique, or simply beautiful QSL cards in your collection that you'd like to share, please scan (high resolution is preferred) and email to the Bark Editor w7dk-news@earthlink.net. If you can't get them scanned, bring them along to the clubhouse on a Saturday, we'll scan them real quick and give them back to you.





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Radio Club Repeaters

Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5

Crawford Mountain (SE Thurston County): 147.380 + PL=103.5

Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

North Tacoma: 145.21 – PL=141.3

Remember - For the latest and most current information on events and activities, visit the Radio Club of Tacoma Website w7dk.org. Be sure to enroll as a member to see all the info.

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Upcoming RCT Events

REGULAR EVENTS

Club Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month at the Library Administration Building 112th and Waller Road. The club meets at 7:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Workshops: Fourth Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse, 1249 So. Washington St, Tacoma. A variety of training and educational events will be conducted.

Board Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at the RCT clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend .

Bark Deadline: Last week-end of each month. Please submit articles by that time!

Check into the weekly two meter net: Tuesdays at 7:30 PM on the club repeater on 147.280 MHz

Check into the weekly 10 meter net: Sundays at 8:00 PM on 28.375 MHz .

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARRL Field Day W7DK will head for the field on the last full weekend of June, 2015

End of Grace Period for Dues Renewal March 31, 2015